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TO INVOLVED JUDGES

Re: MDL-1203 -- In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached Schedule of Actions)

Dear Judges:

Presently before the Panel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 is a notice of opposition to the Panel's conditional transfer order in at least one action before you in the above-described docket. The parties will have an opportunity to fully brief the question of transfer and the matter will be considered at a bimonthly Panel hearing session. The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the effect of the pendency of the actions before the Panel. Panel Rule 1.5, 199 F.R.D. 425, 427 (2001), provides:

The pendency of a motion, order to show cause, conditional transfer order or conditional remand order before the Panel concerning transfer or remand of an action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 does not affect or suspend orders and pretrial proceedings in the district court in which the action is pending and does not in any way limit the pretrial jurisdiction of that court.

Thus your jurisdiction continues until any transfer ruling becomes effective. If you have a motion pending before you in the action – particularly a motion to remand to state court (if the action was removed to your court) – you are encouraged to rule on the motion unless you conclude that the motion raises issues likely to arise in other actions in the transferee court, should we order transfer, and would best be decided there.

Please feel free to contact our staff in Washington with any questions.

Kindest regards,

Wm. Terrell Hodges
Chairman

Attachment

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Re: MDL-1203 -- In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached Schedule of Actions/Panel Service List)

Motion and Brief Due on or before: SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Dear Mr. Akin:

We have received and filed your Notice of Opposition to the proposed transfer of the referenced actions for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings. In accordance with Rule 7.4(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435 (2001), the conditional transfer order is stayed until further order of the Panel. You must adhere to the following filing requirements:

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Very truly,

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Judge Michael J. Reagan; Judge Charles R. Simpson, III; Judge Robert L. Vining, Jr.

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IN RE DIET DRUGS (PHENTERMINE/FENFLURAMINE/DEXFENFLURAMINE) PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Northern District of Georgia

Melissa Houston, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-1582 (Judge Robert L. Vining, Jr.)

Southern District of Illinois

Gayla Alspach, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:04-407 (Judge Michael J. Reagan)

Western District of Kentucky

Katherine Perkins, et al. v. W. Rex Duff, et al., C.A. No. 3:04-396 (Judge Charles R. Simpson III)

District of Massachusetts

Barbara Bartholomew, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11188 (Judge George A. O'Toole, Jr.)

Evelyn Becker, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11189 (Judge George A. O'Toole, Jr.)

Eastern District of Texas

Minnie White, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 5:04-155 (Judge David Folsom)

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Re: MDL-1203 -- In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached Schedule of Actions/Panel Service List)

Motion and Brief Due on or before: SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Dear Mr. Overholtz:

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District of Massachusetts

Mary Andrus, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-10911 Mary Walker v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11034 Joseph Perkins, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11035 Janina Jauregui-Ruiz, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11036 Ruth Carver, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11037 Gertrude Anderson, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11038 Theresa Amadeo, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11039 Maryann Laird v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11040 Carolyn Jenkins, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11090 Charles Arrowood, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11091 Michael Black, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11092 Dorothy Ambroz, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11093 Gloria M. Ewing, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11094 Jerry Dacus, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11095 Talisha Armstrong, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11096 Patsy Crouch, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11097 Elizabeth Carr, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11098 Zina Jones, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11099 Marlys Ellingson, etc. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11104 Carmen Bennett, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11105 Dorothy Ausevich, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11106 Scott Suber, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11138 Barbara Symonds, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11139 Lisa Dumond, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc, et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11140 Josephine Meidinger, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11141 Luise Badger, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11142 Barbara A. Rhone, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11143 Patricia Clayton, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11144 Julee Hansen, et. al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11145 Linda Wright, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11146 Judy Sosa, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11147 James Hill, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11154 Hattie Spencer, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11155 Barbara Kozma, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11156 Anna Krishnappa, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11157 Jamie Roberts, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11158 Lynn Burgess, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11159 Ellen Fletcher, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11160 Vickie M. Bishop, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11161 Lynnette Ault, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11162 Linda Benton, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11163 Frances Chance, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11177 Dorine Harrelson, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11178 Linda Bailey, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11179 Jim Luckritz, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11180 Sandra Kline, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11181 Sue Anderson, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11182 Linda Dolliver, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11183 Dianna Hitchcock, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11184 Lorraine Cline, et al. v. Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:04-11185

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